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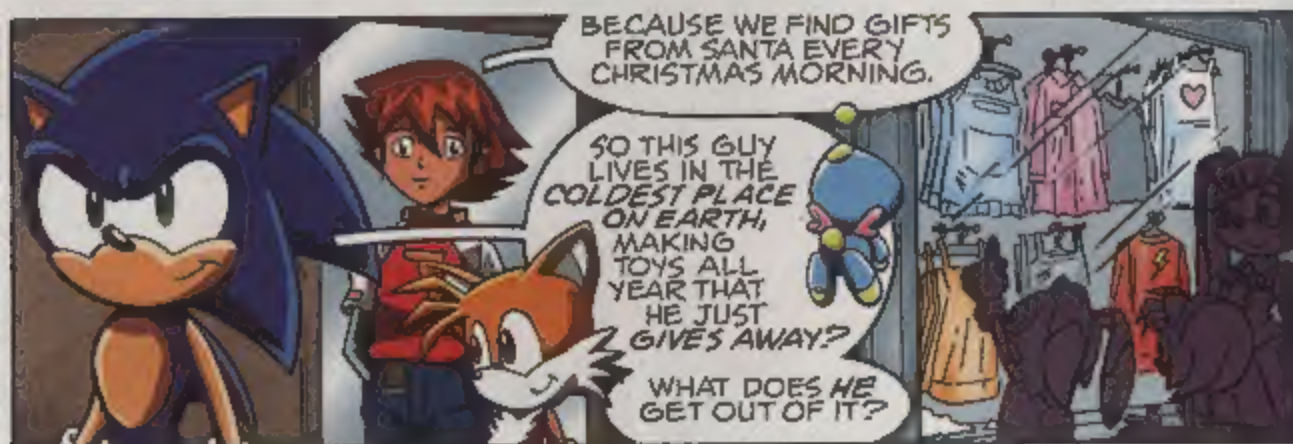
**DURING A BATTLE AGAINST
THE MANIACAL DOCTOR
EGGMAN, SONIC THE
HEDGEHOG HARNESSSED
CHAOS CONTROL AND
CAUSED A DIMENSIONAL
RIFT THAT SENT DOCTOR
EGGMAN, SONIC, AND
SONIC'S FRIENDS TO AN
ALTERNATE STATION SQUARE
ON AN ALTERNATE EARTH.**

**DOCTOR EGGMAN
HAS SET HIS SITES
ON THIS EARTH,
AND HE'LL STOP
AT NOTHING
TO TAKE
OVER THE
PLANET.**

A GUY IN
A RED SUIT
TRAVELS ACROSS
YOUR ENTIRE
PLANET
DELIVERING
GIFTS TO GOOD
BOYS AND GIRLS
--ALL IN ONE
NIGHT!

THIS IS
BEAUTIFUL,
CHRIS.





ELSEWHERE, ABOARD DOCTOR EGGMAN'S EGG CARRIER...

JOY TO THE WORLD, EGGMAN HAS COME! LET EARTH RECEIVE ITS ULTIMATE RULER --THAT'S ME!

YOU SEEM JOYOUS THIS EVENING, DOCTOR EGGMAN.

I HAVE BEEN STUDYING THE CUSTOMS OF THIS BACKWARD LITTLE PLANET, DECOE, AND ITS HOLIDAY CUSTOMS HAVE SUGGESTED A BRILLIANT NEW PLAN!

SHOULD WE START RUNNING AWAY NOW, SIR?

WHAT WAS THAT, BOCOE?

UHM-- PLEASE TELL US MORE, O BRILLIANT ONE.

THE CHILDREN OF THIS PLANET ARE GOING TO GIVE ME THE GIFT I MOST WANT...

SONIC ALL READY TO BE FROZEN IN A BLOCK OF ICE!

BUT KIDS LOVE SONIC!

WHY WOULD THEY TURN HIM OVER TO YOU?

IT'S SIMPLE, BOKKUN...

...NO GOOD LITTLE BOY OR GIRL WANTS TO DISAPPOINT SANTA CLAUS AT THIS TIME OF THE YEAR!

HA HA HA, ER...

...HO HO HO, THAT IS!

LATER, IN THE DINING ROOM OF THE THORNDYKE MANSION, HOME OF YOUNG CHRISTOPHER THORNDYKE...

THANKS FOR TAKING US TO SEE THE SHOP WINDOWS, CHRIS.

IT WAS A LOT OF FUN!

I CAN'T WAIT TO MEET SANTA CLAUS! MAYBE HE CAN GIVE US A NICE NEW EMERL!*

CHAO!

*CREAM WAS FORCED TO DESTROY THE PREVIOUS EMERL WHEN IT ATTACKED SONIC, AS SEEN ON THE TV SHOW!

YOU WON'T GET TO MEET HIM, CREAM.

WHY NOT?

BECAUSE HE WILL ONLY DELIVER TOYS IF YOU'RE ASLEEP.

HE NEVER LETS KIDS SEE HIM.

THEN HOW DO YOU KNOW HE EXISTS?

YOU JUST HAVE TO BELIEVE.

WELL, I BELIEVE, CHRIS.

IT SOUNDS FISHY TO ME.

WELL, IN A UNIVERSE WHERE ANIMALS THAT CAN SPEAK ENGLISH EXIST, WHY SHOULDN'T SANTA CLAUS?



SONIC, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I'M GOING TO THE NORTH POLE TO SEE IF I CAN FIND THIS SANTA CLAUS.

THIS SANTA CLAUS THING SOUNDS LIKE ONE OF EGGMAN'S SCHEMES!

THIS MUST BE THE PLACE

NORTH POLE

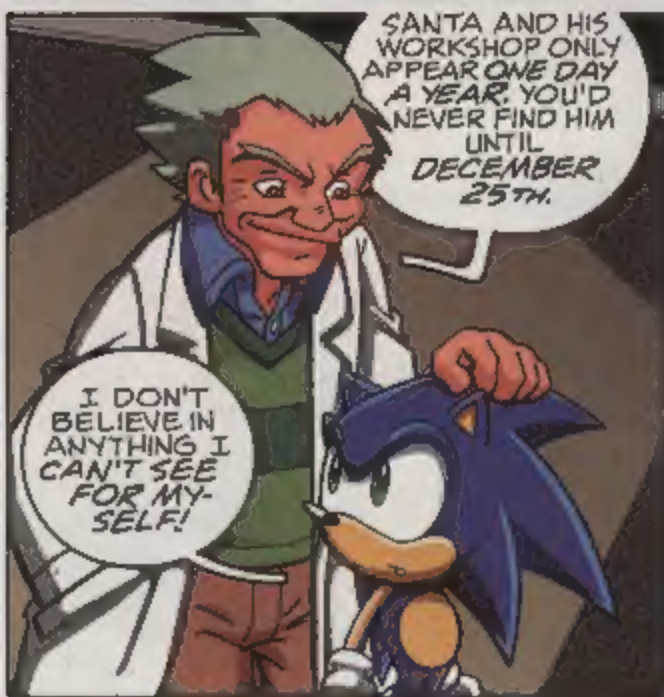
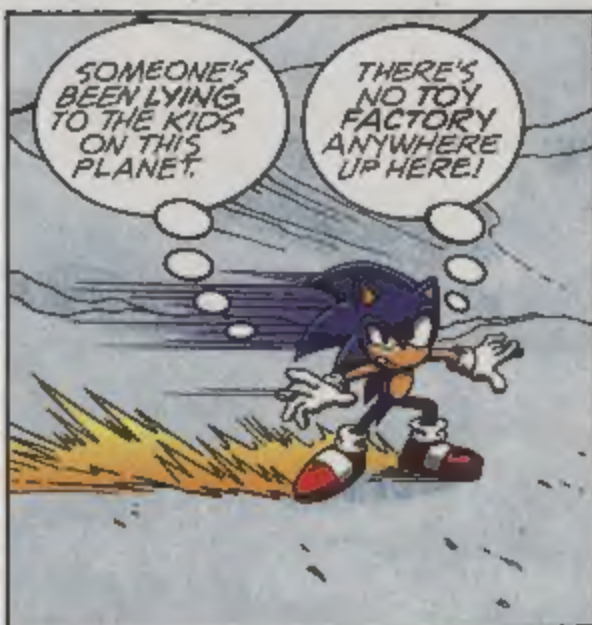
RUNNING AT THE SPEED OF SOUND, THE FASTEST HEDGEHOG AROUND EXPLORES EVERY INCH OF THE NORTH POLE, LOOKING FOR ANY EVIDENCE OF THE EXISTENCE OF SANTA CLAUS.

NORTH POLE

ALASKA

SIBERIA

SWEDEN



GOOD EVENING, EVERYBODY. THIS IS *SCARLET GARCIA*, COMING TO YOU LIVE FROM TOWN SQUARE.

I AM DELIGHTED TO BE YOUR HOSTESS FOR THE ANNUAL LIGHTING OF THE STATION SQUARE CHRISTMAS TREE AND MENORAH.

AND, AS ALWAYS, *SANTA CLAUS* WILL BE OUR SPECIAL GUEST TONIGHT!

YAAAAAY!



MEANWHILE,
IN THE EGG
CARRIER...

IT IS NOW
MY PLEASURE
TO INTRODUCE
THE SPONSORS
OF TONIGHT'S
FESTIVITIES--
NELSON AND
LINDSEY
THORNDYKE!

HURRY,
DOCTOR
EGG MAN! THE
SHOW HAS
STARTED!


I AM AN ARTIST,
DECOE! I MUST
PREPARE MYSELF
FOR MY SCENE!

DOESN'T HE KNOW
THAT AN ARTIST IS
NEVER APPRECIATED
IN HIS LIFETIME
?

THIS IS
WHAT WE GET
FOR WORKING WITH
NON-UNION
TALENT.

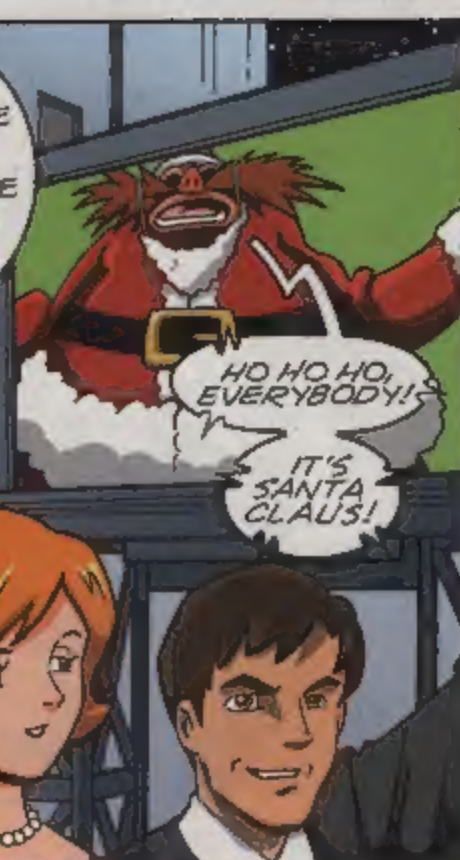
FIRE
UP THE
CAMERAS,
BOYS...

...I'M
READY
FOR MY
CLOSE-
UP!



NELSON INDUSTRIES IS PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT IT HAS DONATED ONE MILLION DOLLARS TO STATION SQUARE'S ANNUAL TOY DRIVE!


IT IS OUR GOAL TO MAKE SURE EVERY CHILD IN STATION SQUARE HAS THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS!




HO HO HO, EVERYBODY!

IT'S SANTA CLAUS!

**YAAAAAAAAY
SANTA!**

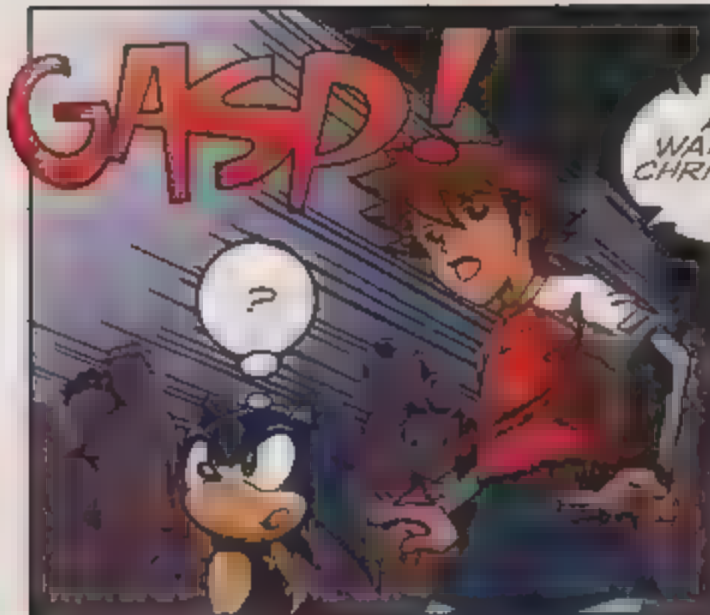


FOR YEARS AND YEARS, I HAVE BEEN BRINGING TOYS TO GOOD BOYS AND GIRLS ALL OVER THE WORLD, AND I HAVE NEVER ASKED FOR ANYTHING IN RETURN.



THIS YEAR, I WANT ALL GOOD LITTLE BOYS AND GIRLS TO GIVE ME A GIFT--

--OR THERE WILL BE NO TOYS FOR ANYONE!

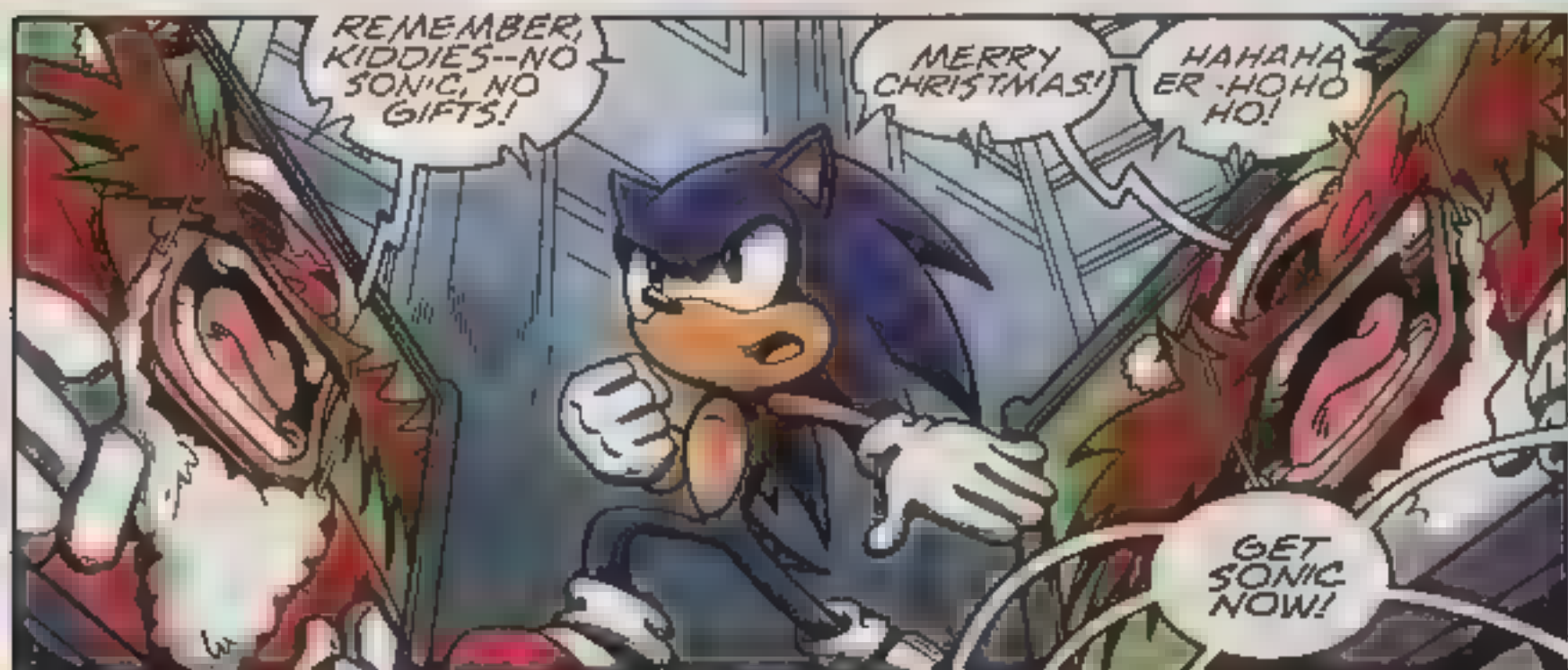
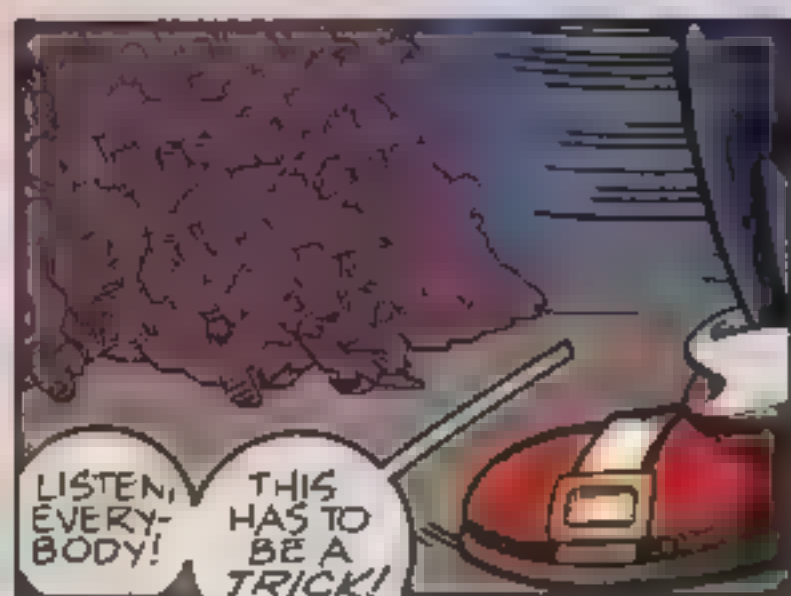
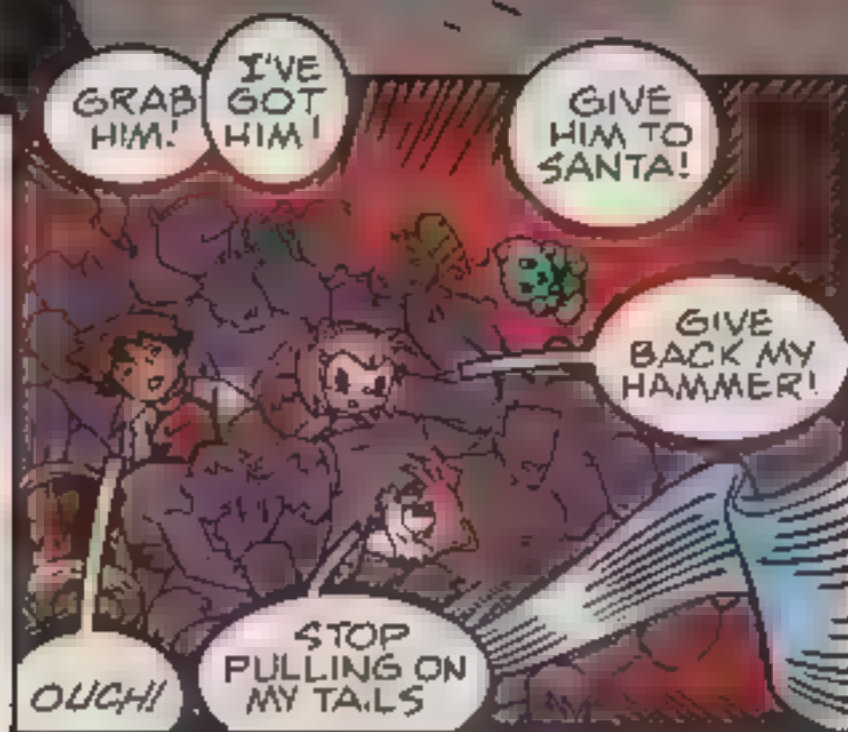


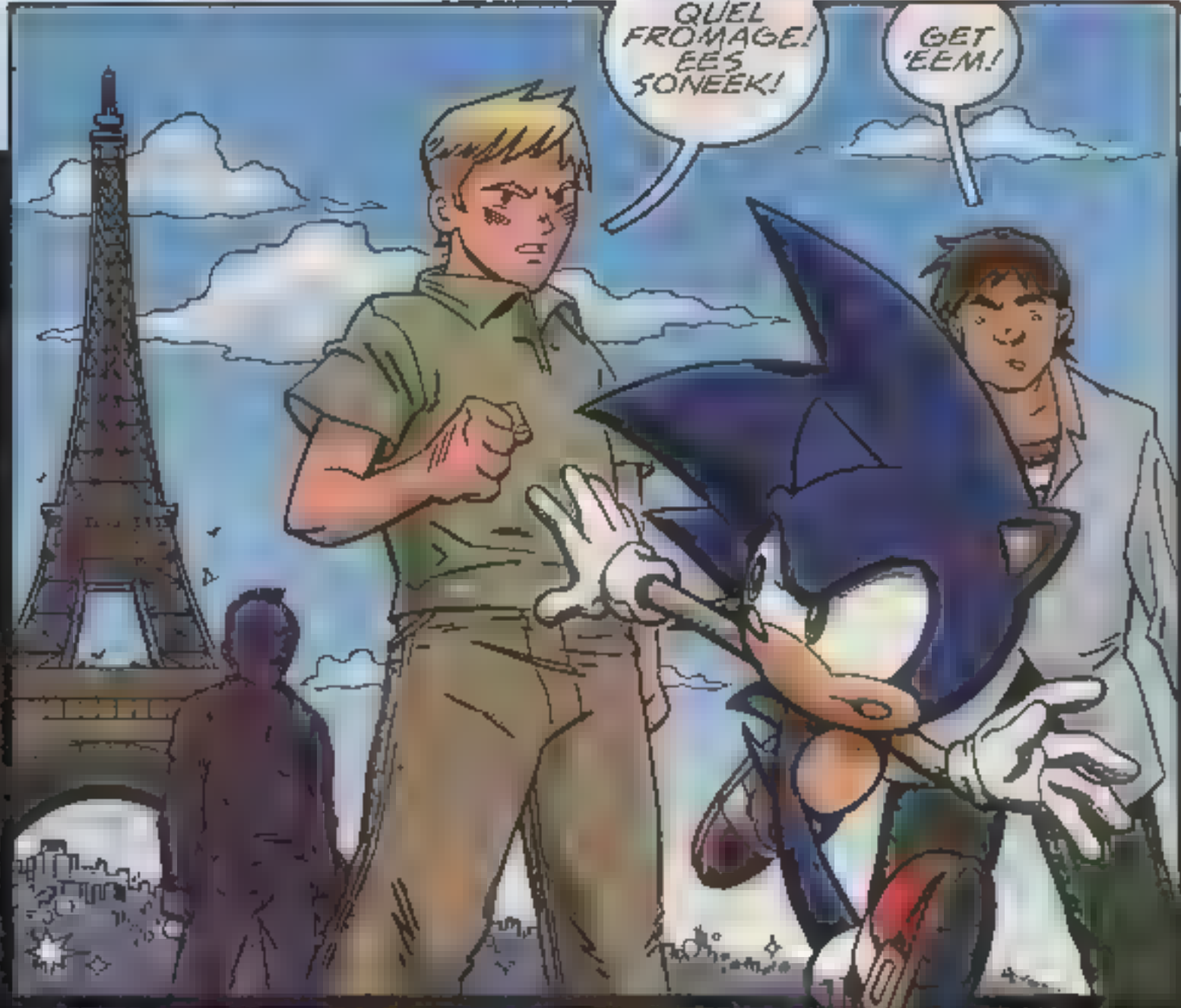
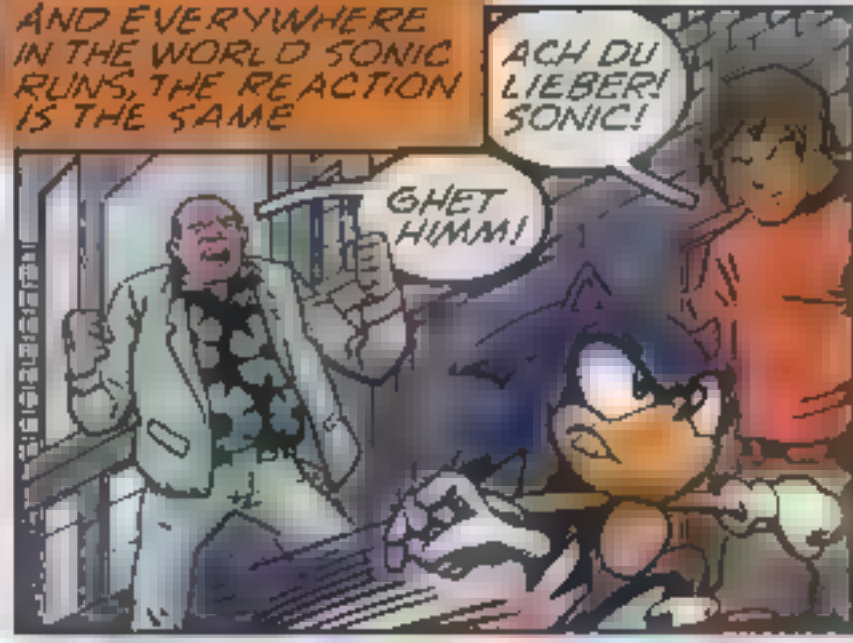
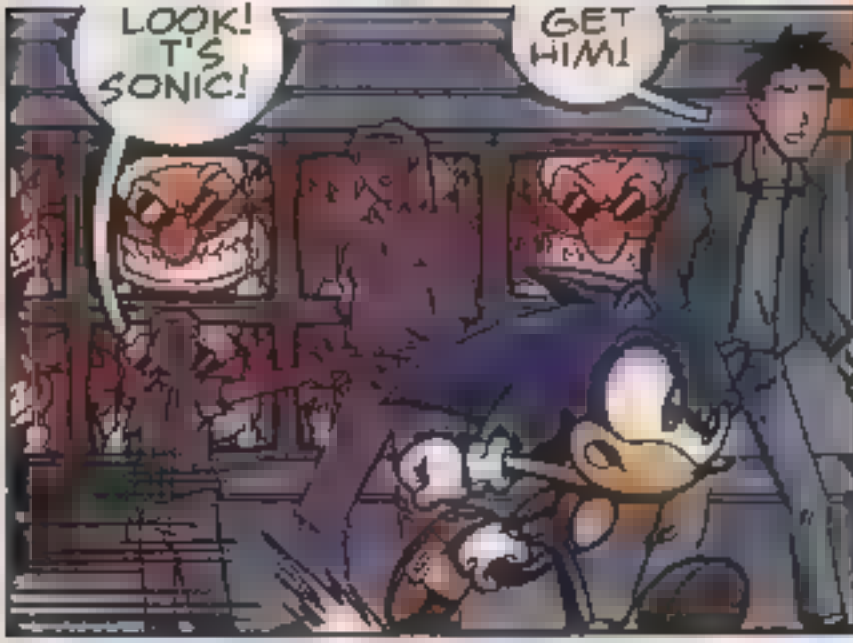
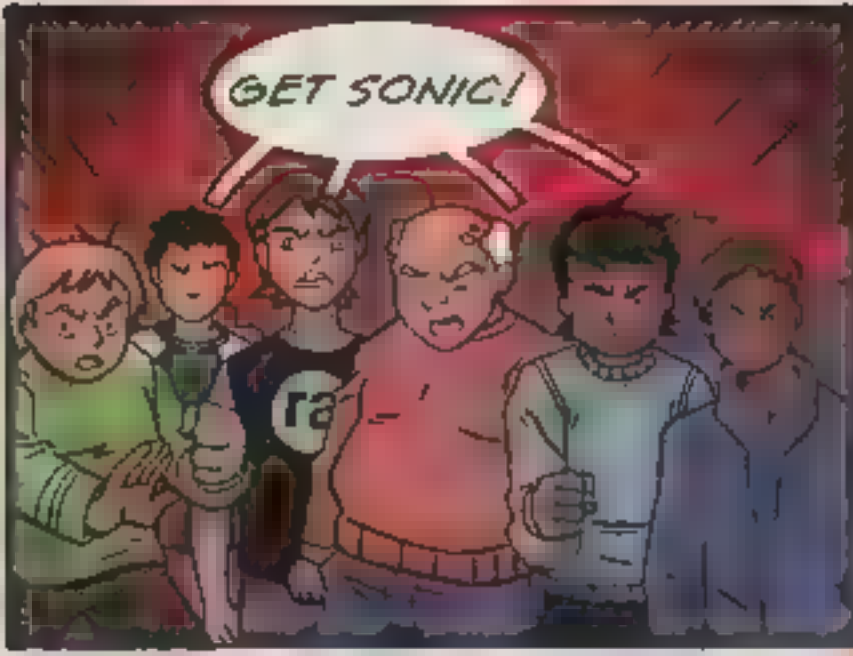
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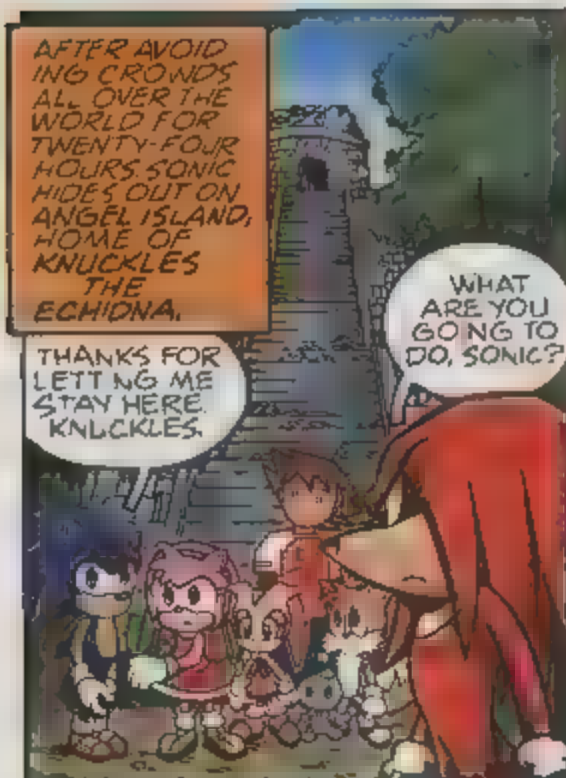


IF SONIC IS NOT DELIVERED TO ME ON THE COURTHOUSE STAIRS IN STATION SQUARE ON DECEMBER 24TH AT MIDNIGHT I SHALL TAKE MY TOYS AND GO HOME!





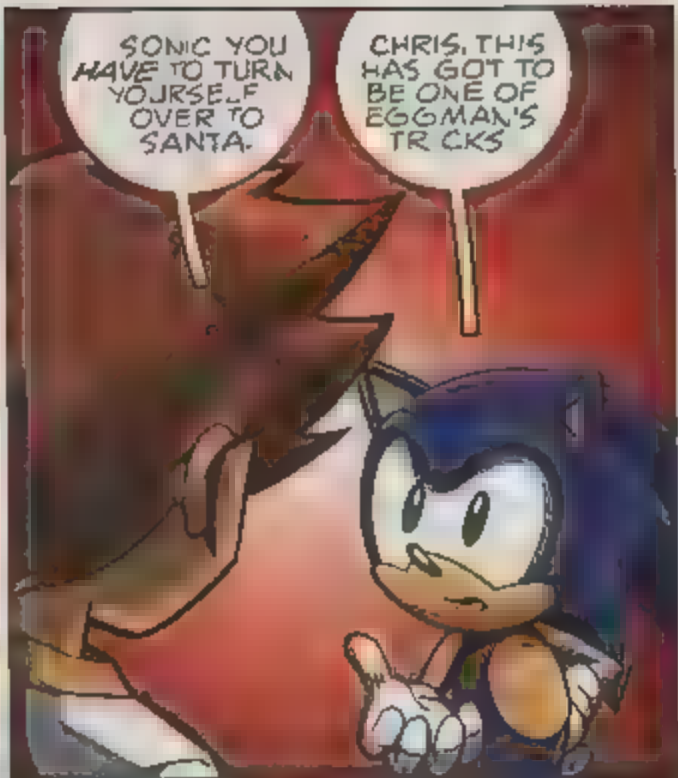




AFTER AVOIDING CROWDS ALL OVER THE WORLD FOR TWENTY-FOUR HOURS, SONIC HIDES OUT ON ANGEL ISLAND, HOME OF KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA.

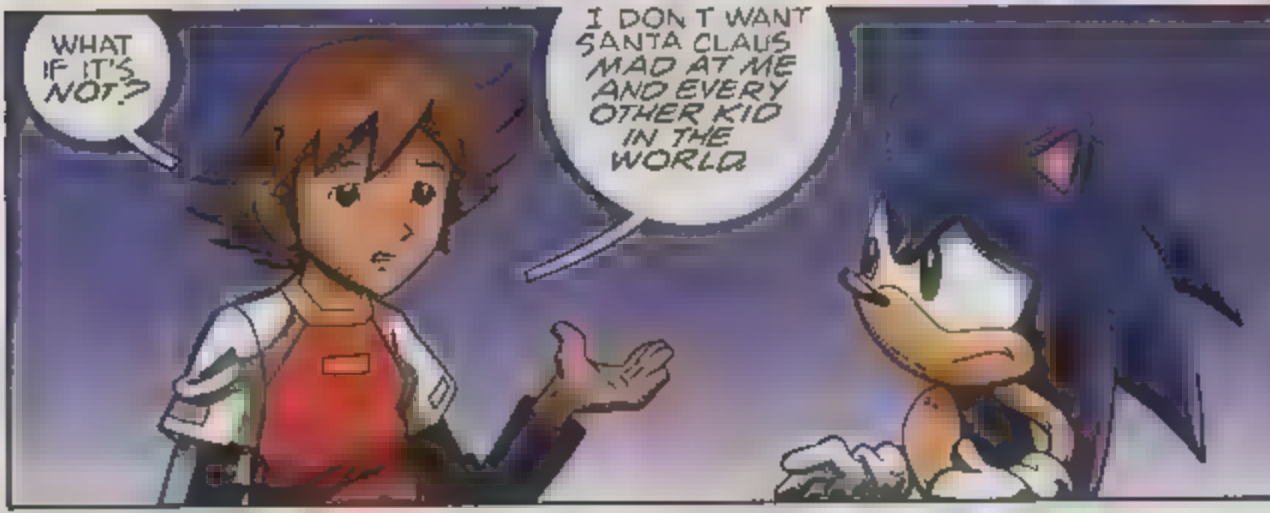
THANKS FOR LETTING ME STAY HERE, KNUCKLES.

WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?



SONIC YOU HAVE TO TURN YOURSELF OVER TO SANTA.

CHRIS, THIS HAS GOT TO BE ONE OF EGGMAN'S TRICKS



WHAT IF IT'S NOT?

I DON'T WANT SANTA CLAUS MAD AT ME AND EVERY OTHER KID IN THE WORLD



THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO. GIVE MYSELF UP ON THE 24TH AND UNMASK EGGMAN FOR THE ROTTEN EGG HE IS!

THIS IS SCARLET GARCIA. IT'S DECEMBER 24TH, AND THE CLOCK READS 11:58 PM. A HUGE CROWD HAS GATHERED OUTSIDE THE COURTHOUSE IN STATION SQUARE.

PEOPLE, I AM GOING TO PROVE THAT THE MAN DEMANDING TO HAVE ME TURNED OVER IS NOT SANTA CLAUS, BUT DOCTOR EGGMAN!

LOOK! SANTA IS HERE

HO HO HO!

I AM HERE FOR SONIC THE HEDGEHOG.

WATCH WHAT HAPPENS WHEN I PULL THIS PHONY'S BEARD!

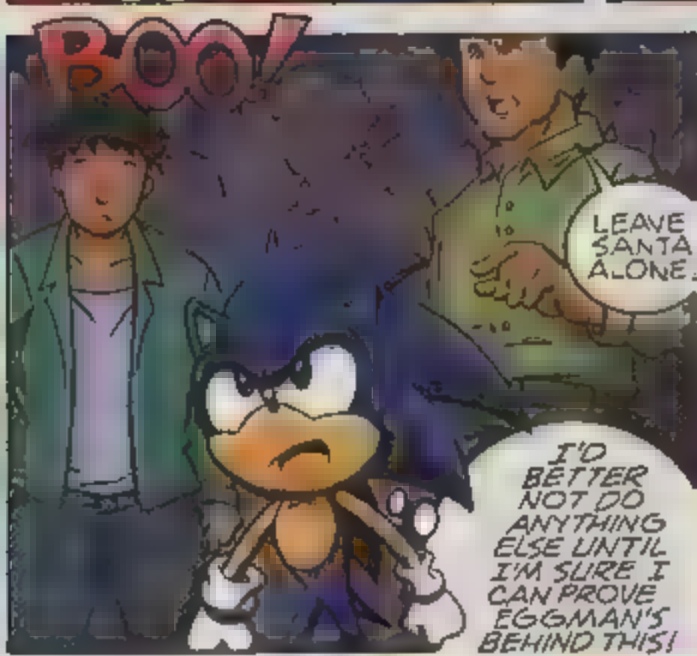




HERE I AM, SANTA
NOW LET'S PUT AN END TO THIS MASQLERADE.



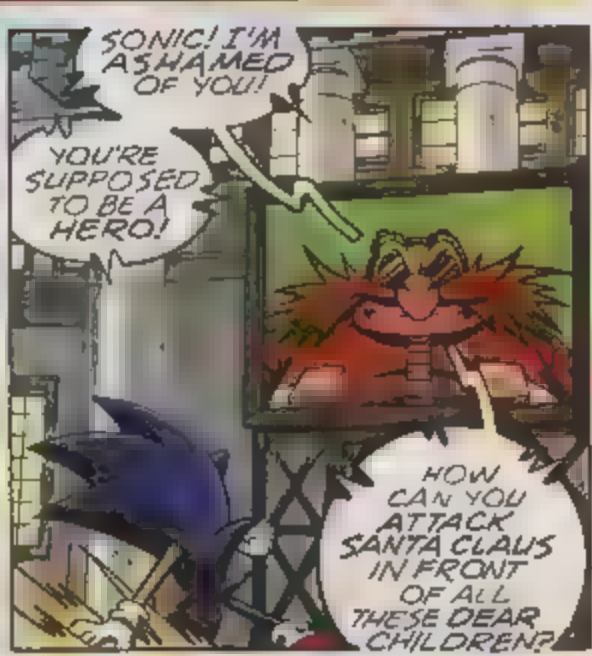
YANK!



BOO!

LEAVE SANTA ALONE.

I'D BETTER NOT DO ANYTHING ELSE UNTIL I'M SURE I CAN PROVE EGGMAN'S BEHIND THIS!



SONIC! I'M ASHAMED OF YOU!

YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE A HERO!

HOW CAN YOU ATTACK SANTA CLAUS IN FRONT OF ALL THESE DEAR CHILDREN?



I'M SURE THAT YOU BELIEVED THAT I WAS BEHIND THIS, BUT AS YOU CAN SEE, I AM HERE ON THE EGG CARRIER

SO BE THE HERO, SURRENDER TO SANTA CLAUS SO THAT THE CHILDREN OF THE WORLD WON'T BE DISAPPOINTED!



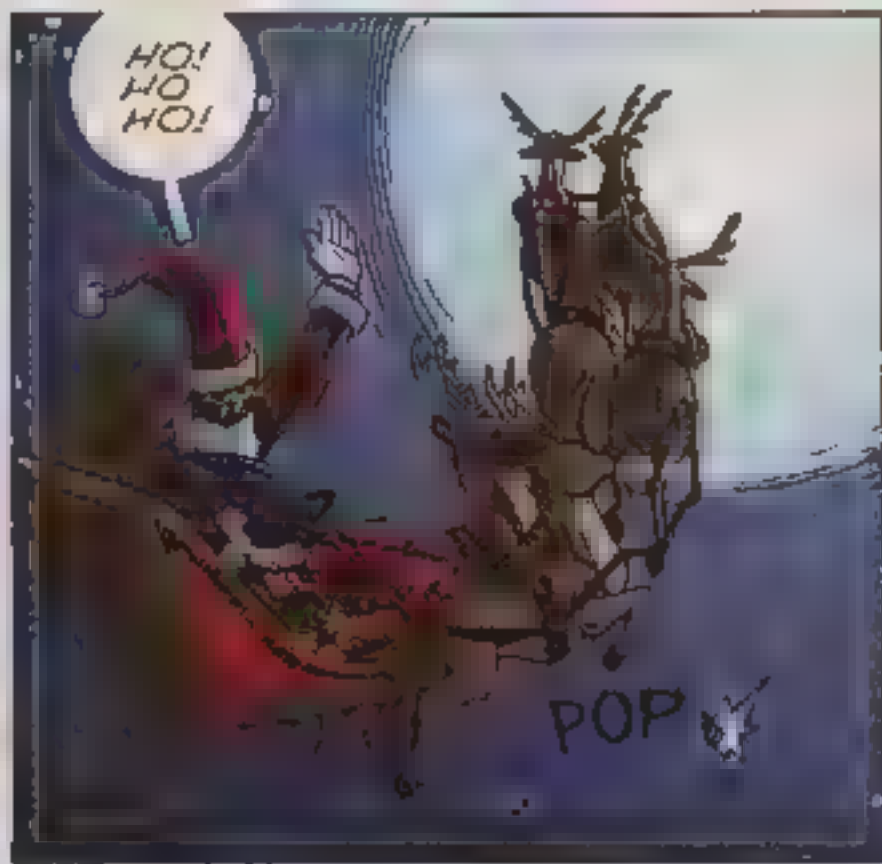
WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO, SONIC?

SURRENDER I'LL FIGURE IT OUT ONCE I'M AWAY FROM THE CROWD!



GET IN, SONIC.

ALL RIGHT YOU'VE GOT ME.



HO!
HO!
HO!

POP



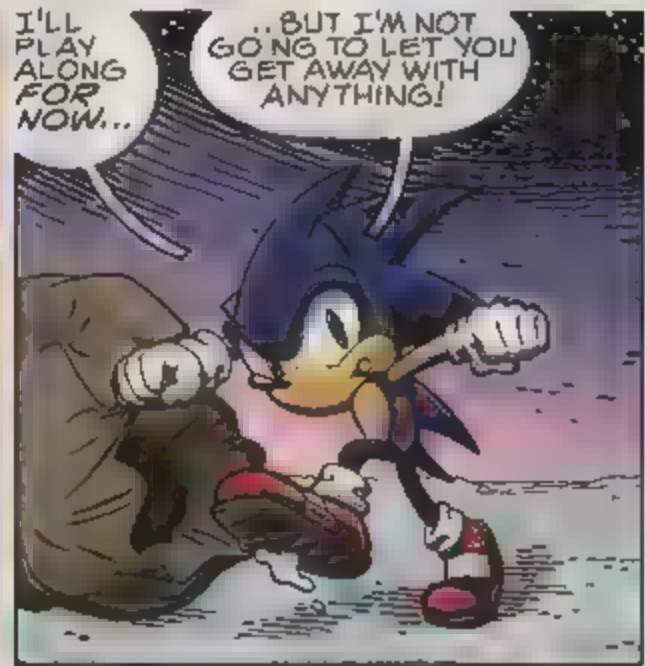
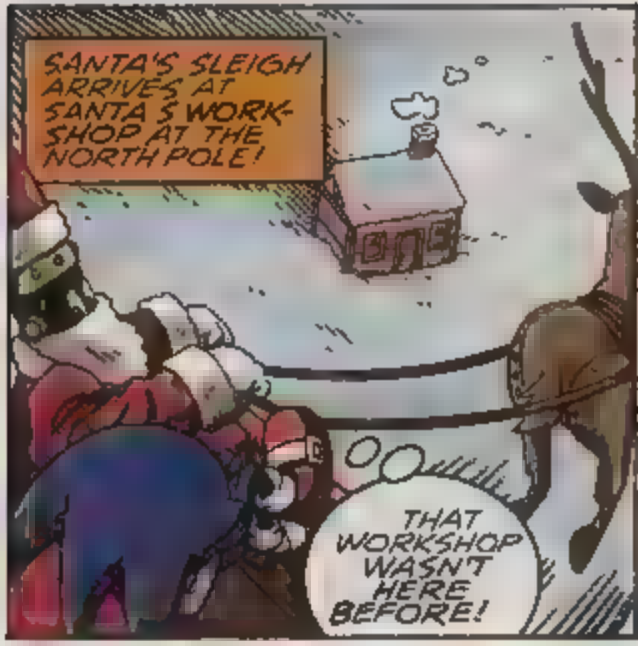
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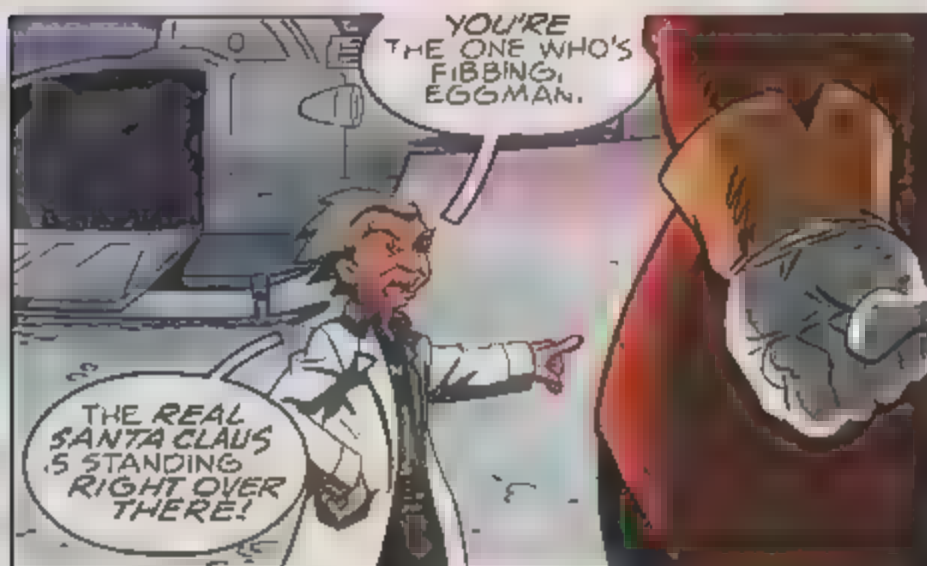
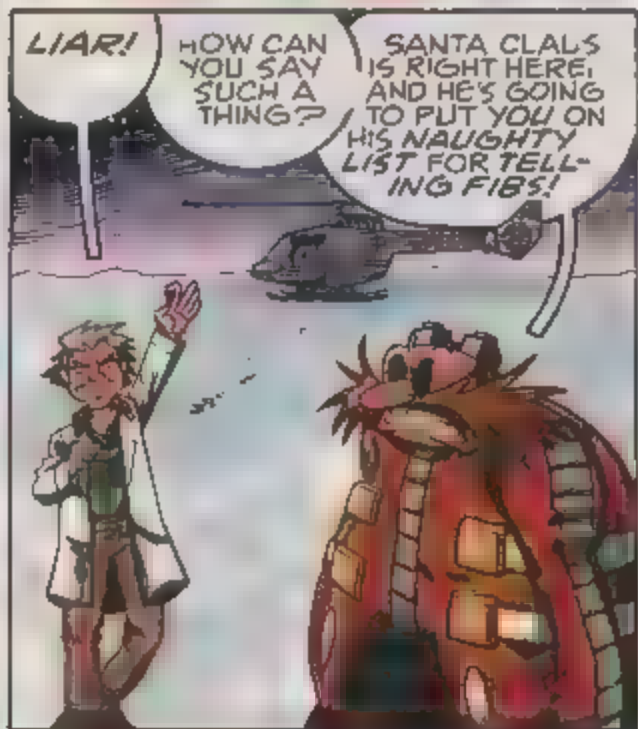
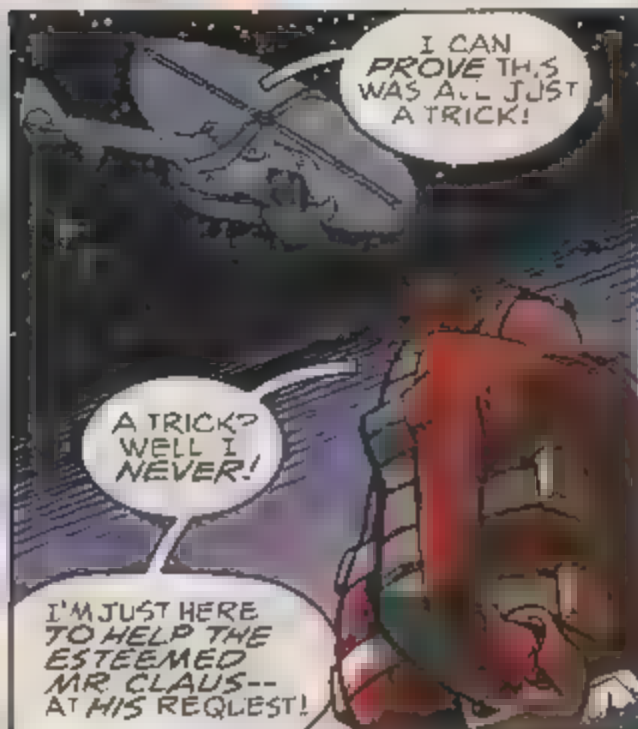
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SONIC WAS RIGHT!

I'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING!





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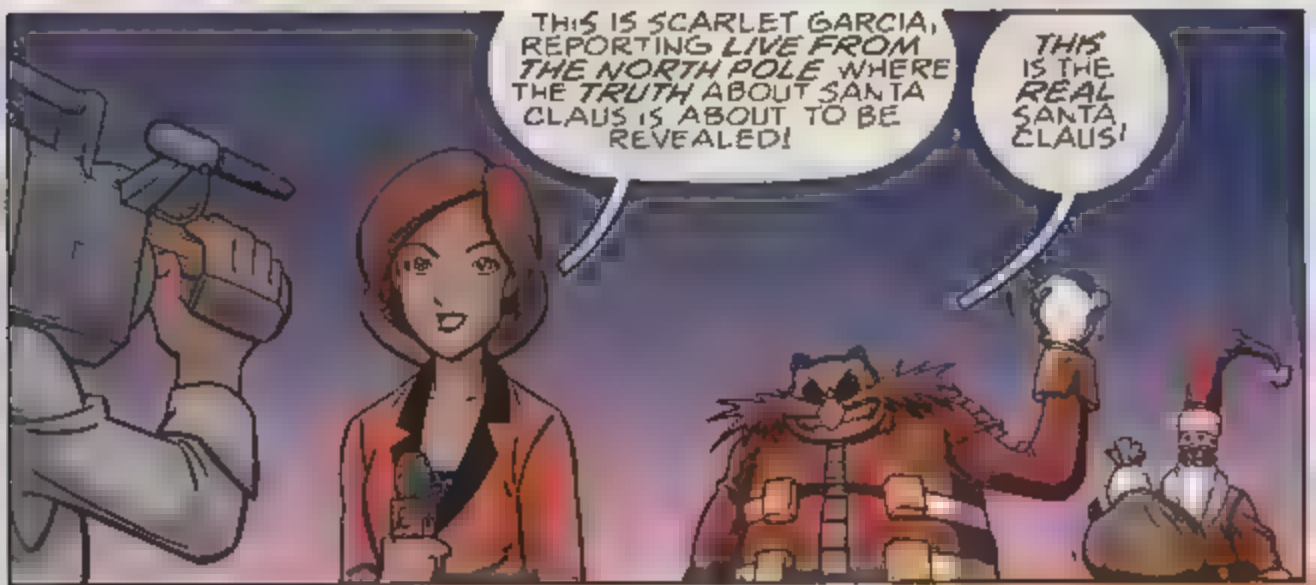
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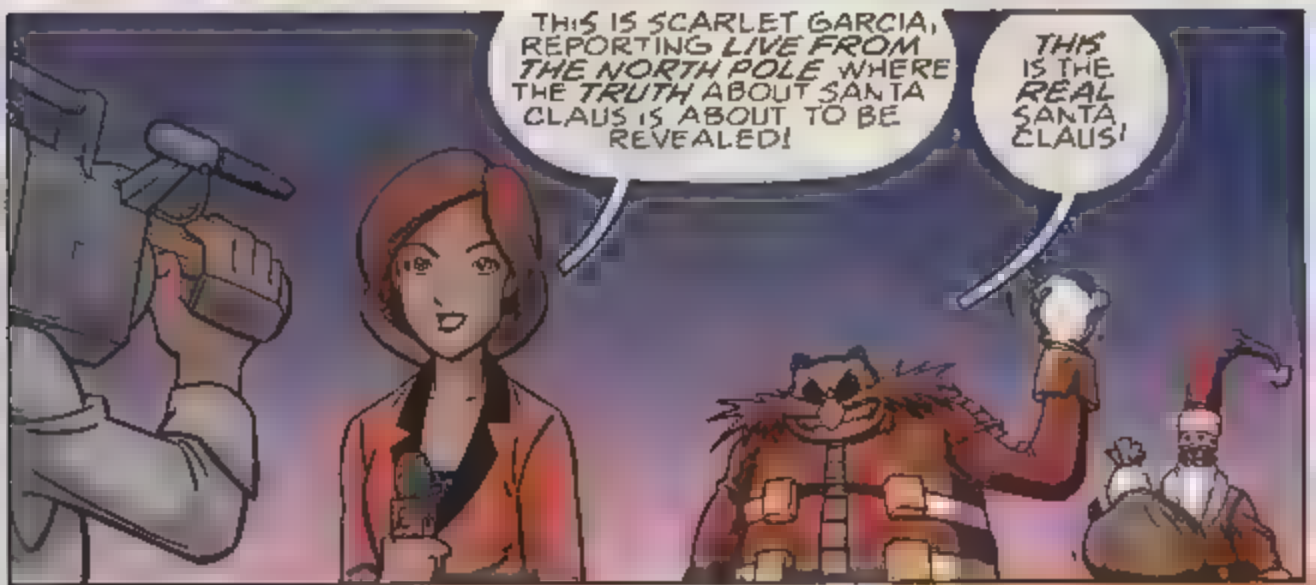
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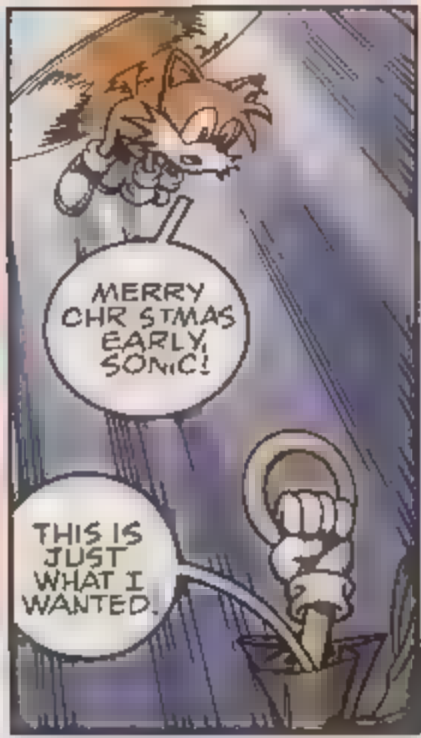
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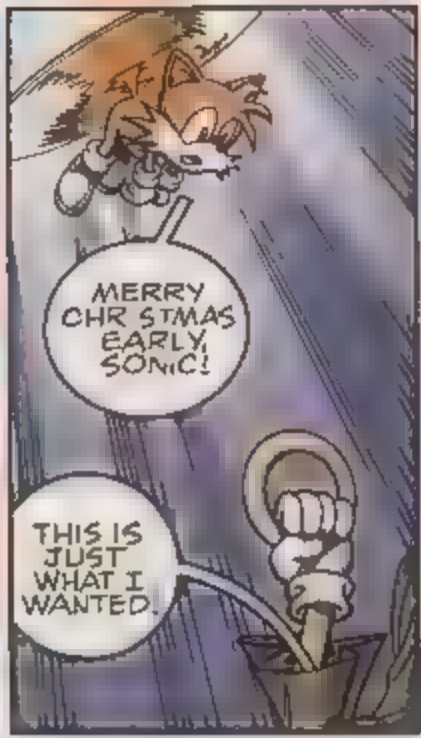
THIS IS THE REAL SANTA CLAUS!




NO, HE'S NOT!



MERRY CHR STMAS EARLY, SONIC!



THIS IS JUST WHAT I WANTED.



WITH THE RING IN HIS HAND, SONIC BURSTS INTO SUPERSPIN MODE, READY TO UNMASK THE IMPOSTER!



IT'S NOT NICE TO LIE TO KIDS!



HO HO-OH OH!

UM--TRICK OR TREAT?



EVEN IF THIS WERE HALLOWEEN, YOU DON'T DESERVE ANY TREATS FOR THIS TRICK!

BAH, HUMBUG!



THANKS TO SONIC THE HEDGEHOG, THIS SANTA HAS BEEN REVEALED AS TWO OF DR. EGGMAN'S HENCHBOTS!

EGGMAN'S
EVIL PLOT
REVEALED
AND FOILED
AGAIN ON
LIVE TV! KIDS
AROUND THE
WORLD CHEER.



YAAAAAY,
SONIC!

YOU THINK
WE SHOULD
GO AFTER
THEM?

WHERE'S
YOUR
HOLIDAY
SPIRIT,
TAILS?

WE CAN
GET THEM
AFTER THE
WINTER
HOLIDAYS.

WHAT
ABOUT
VALENTINE'S
DAY?

WE REALLY
FOOLED THEM,
DIDN'T WE,
PROFESSOR?

WE
DID A
GREAT
JOB,
ELLA.

AFTER ALL THIS,
IT MAKES ME
WONDER IF THERE
REALLY IS A
SANTA CLAUS.

DON'T GIVE
UP HOPE,
CHRIS! I'M
SURE IF THERE
IS A SANTA CLAUS,
HE'LL REMEMBER
EVERYTHING WE
DID TODAY!

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